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The Dodge County Sheriff's Office is pleased to announce that agreements are now in place in regards to the addition of area agencies to the multi-jurisdictional SWAT team. For nearly a decade, the team has had a member(s) from the Mayville Police Department on the team and had been interested in increasing the cooperation among other law enforcement agencies. Recently discussions took place with the Beaver Dam Police Department for 2 police officers to become members. These discussions resulted in a joint agreement between Dodge County and the City of Beaver Dam for those officers to join the team.

Additionally, the Sheriff's Office had been interested for several years in increasing the well-being and survivability of personnel and the citizens they serve during tactical situations by adding Tactical Emergency Medical Support (TEMS) personnel to the team. TEMS personnel are normally professional medical personnel or law enforcement officers who receive tactical and medical training to provide immediate medical care to officers and citizens within dangerous areas where normal medical care is not normally present. Often if someone is injured in these areas they have to be accessed, and then carefully evacuated to a safe area before medical treatment can take place. The placement of TEMS members within the team allows a very high level of care to begin immediately after a potential injury occurs. The Sheriff's Office recruited (2) firefighter/paramedics each from the Watertown and Beaver Dam Fire Departments, and agreements with those agencies has also been recently finalized. All of the additional personnel are still employees of their respective agencies and will be attached to the SWAT team during activations and training.

The addition of these team members increases the safety of personnel and the general public, while sharing costs, adding much needed staffing, increasing cooperation among agencies, and providing better training. The Sheriff's Office would like to thank the City of Mayville, the City of Beaver Dam, and the City of Watertown for their cooperation, assistance, and participation in the SWAT team.

Additional information can be obtained by contacting Sheriff Dale J Schmidt.

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